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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7262**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1716

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 10, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Disclosure of hospital health care costs.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Ripley

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Pending

**Summary of Legislation:** Requires hospitals and ambulatory outpatient surgical centers to: (1) provide billing information to patients and the public; (2) establish an appeal procedure for disputed patient bills; and (3) establish programs that provide reduced cost of care to eligible individuals and alternative payment options to other individuals. Requires the state department of health to investigate violations of these requirements and specifies action that may be taken by the state department for a violation.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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